Life Beyond Saadiyat

Graduate Outcomes

CLASS OF 2025



جامعة نيويورك أبوظبي

NYU ABU DHABI

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES



The Class of 2025 launches into their life beyond Saadiyat with boldness, scholarly rigor, and a rare fluency in complexity. They are researchers and analysts, consultants and engineers, creatives and builders — 93% placed within six months, spanning 33 countries, with the largest group choosing to stay rooted in the UAE, a place they've come to call home. They are founding companies — a fintech venture in Abu Dhabi, an AI startup in San Francisco — and pursuing doctorates in statistics, philosophy, and machine learning at Oxford, Yale, and Berkeley. They are assisting with stage productions in Shanghai, producing music out of Cairo, and curating at the Zayed National Museum in Abu Dhabi. Their research carries them to a poverty lab in Bogotá, a clinical post in Harare, and a statistics office in Belize, while more than half remain rooted in the UAE, shaping the institutions and industries of home. Whether on a stage, in a lab, or an office, they carry the same instinct: to ask sharper questions and build wider bridges. We celebrate the breadth of their choices and the depth of their character. May their journeys renew your hope in this generations capacity to shape what comes next.

Dana Downey
Associate Dean of Student Affairs &
Director, Career Development Center

CLASS PROFILE

By Demographic

In a class of 556 students

The Undergraduate Class of 2025 had their degrees conferred between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Data are collected primarily via the First Destinations Survey, which is open for 6 months post-graduation, per professional standards, as well as via advising data, faculty, LinkedIn, and other verifiable sources. Data was obtained on 521 out of 556 students, giving us a knowledge rate of 94%. The following data do not reflect 6% of graduates whose post-graduate outcome remain unknown.



56% female
44% male



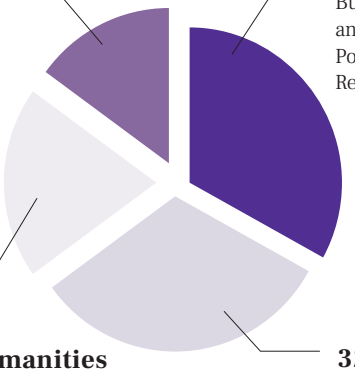
87 countries represented



75+ languages spoken

By Major

Based on primary majors



15% Engineering

Bioengineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

33% Social Science

Business, Organizations and Society, Economics, Political Science, Social Research and Public Policy

20% Arts and Humanities

Arab Crossroads Studies, Art and Art History, Film and New Media, History, Interactive Media, Legal Studies, Literature and Creative Writing, Music, Philosophy, Theater

32% Science

Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology

“The UAE’s multicultural environment taught me to approach communities with humility and curiosity, rather than assumptions.”



Sara Vuksanovic
Home Country: Republic of Serbia
Major: Business, Organizations and Society
Minor: Psychology

Now: Business Analyst
McKinsey & Company
Dubai, UAE

“I want to be in a position where I’m not just doing research, but also communicating it to the people who actually make decisions… I want my work to have a tangible impact on the world.”



Amiteash Paul
Home Country: India
Major: Biology

Now: Global PhD Fellow, Marine Microbiomics, NYU Abu Dhabi
Abu Dhabi, UAE

“My background in Economics and Political Science has been especially valuable, as it enables me to approach research questions from different methodological and conceptual perspectives — combining quantitative reasoning with political analysis.”



Barry Xiangyu Lin
Home Country: China
Major: Political Science
Minor: Economics

Now: MPhil, International Relations, University of Oxford
Oxford, UK

“I’ve become someone who connects easily with people from all kinds of backgrounds … I don’t get intimidated by new context anymore.”



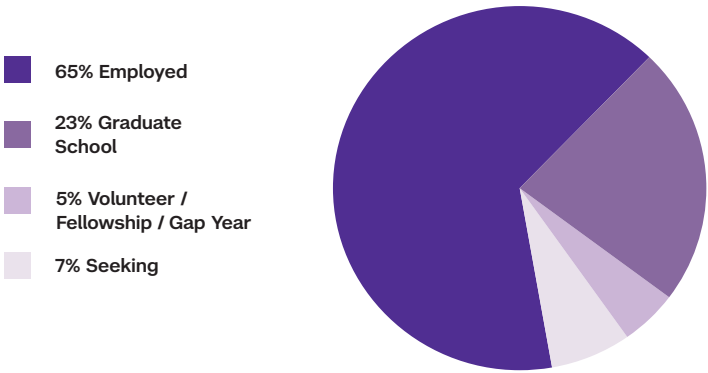
Maria Korotkina
Home Country: Ukraine
Major: Economics

Now: Data Engineer
Bloomberg LP
London, UK

PLACEMENT

93% Placement Rate

In a class of 556 students



By Division

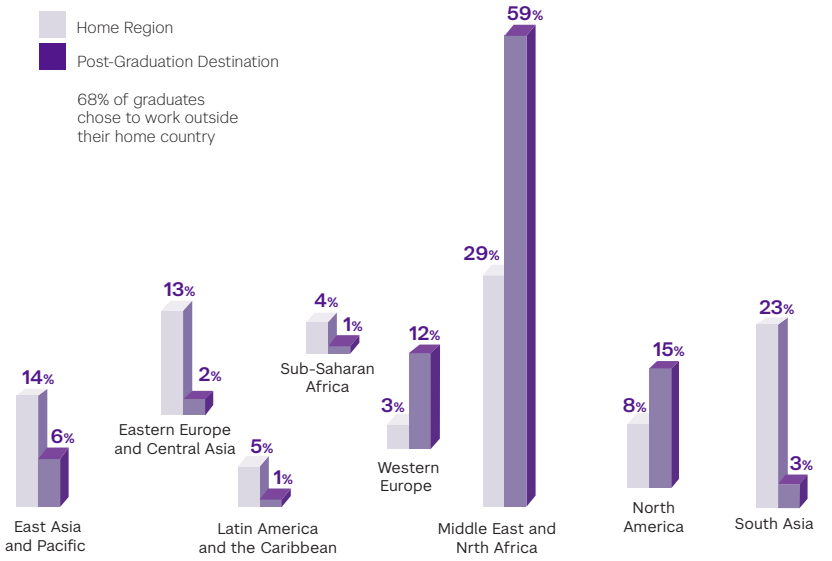
Based on primary majors

	EMPLOYED	GRAD SCHOOL	OTHER Volunteer/ Fellowship / Gap Year
Social Science	69%	14%	17%
Science	63%	24%	13%
Arts and Humanities	58%	19%	23%
Engineering	42%	36%	22%

Figures represent outcomes of students with primary and secondary majors in each division.
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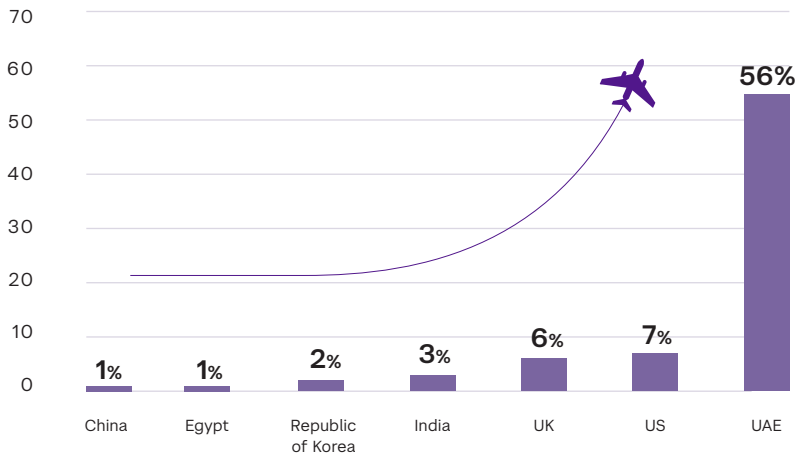
FIRST DESTINATIONS

Home Region vs. Post-Graduate Destination



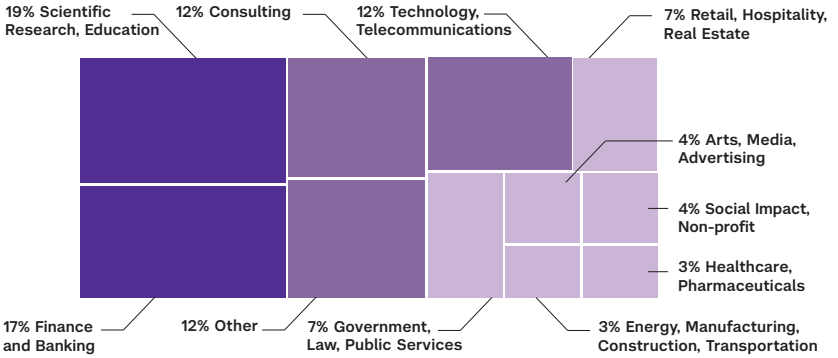
Where Did They Go?

Top 7 countries out of the 51 post-graduate country destinations



EMPLOYMENT

Top Industries of Employment



Top Countries of Employment

From 33 countries where graduates hold jobs

United Arab Emirates
74%

United States
7%

United Kingdom
4%

Career Preparation

83% completed at least one work experience (2,326 work experiences)

96% utilized NYUAD Career Development Center resources

Mean Annual Base Salary

North America
259 k

Middle East and North Africa
216 k

Western Europe
192 k

East Europe and Central Asia
66 k

East Asia and Pacific
49 k

Figures reflect total compensation including base salary, allowances, transportation packages, etc. in AED.

10 Selected Organizations

From 192 companies where graduates make an impact

Goldman Sachs
China

M42
UAE

Bloomberg
Japan

McKinsey & Company
Egypt

Mubadala
UAE

Meta
UK

Boston Consulting Group
Poland

Stripe
Ireland

Wells Fargo
US

United Nations
Armenia

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EMPLOYMENT IN THE UAE

By Industry

Top industries of employment

Scientific Research, Education
23%

Finance and Banking
17%

Consulting
13%

Technology, Telecom
10%

Government, Law, Public Services
8%

Retail, Hospitality, Real Estate
8%



Class of 2025 graduates are making an impact at 127 companies in the UAE



59% of employed graduates in the UAE work in Abu Dhabi



87% of employed graduates plan to pursue graduate school in the next 5 years

Selected Organizations

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Citibank
Dubai, UAE

Abu Dhabi Music and Arts Foundation
Abu Dhabi, UAE

ByteDance
Dubai, UAE

DLA Piper
Dubai, UAE

Department of Culture and Tourism
Abu Dhabi, UAE

PwC
Dubai, UAE

Amazon
Dubai, UAE

Etisalat
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Fiker Institute
Dubai, UAE

GRADUATE SCHOOL

By Discipline

What fields did they pursue?

Science, Math 28%

Engineering 21%

Int'l Relations, Public Policy 12%

Healthcare 9%

Business, Finance 8%

Social Science 7%

Law 6%

Arts and Humanities 5%

Education 3%

Other 3%

By Degree

What degrees are they pursuing?

Master of Science 40%

PhD 25%

Masters 14%

Master of Arts 12%

LLM / JD 6%

MBA 2%

Postgraduate Diploma / Other 2%

Top Countries for Graduate Study

From 15 countries of enrollment



US 38%

UK 16%

UAE 13%

France 10%

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Selected Schools and Programs

Schools that our class of 2025 alumni are attending include:

Columbia University
MIA, International Affairs

University of Oxford
MSc, Quantum Technologies

Harvard University
JD, Law

University of Pennsylvania
PhD, Sociology

Stanford University
MA, International Education Policy Analysis

Peking University
MA, China Studies

University of Melbourne
JD, Law

Sorbonne University
MSc, Cognitive Neuroscience

Imperial College London
Msc, Biomedical Engineering

Georgia Institute of Technology
MSc, Human-Computer Interaction

ArtCenter College of Design
MFA, Fine Arts

Mohammed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence
MSc, Machine Learning

Sciences Po
Masters, Economics

ETH Zürich
MSc, Computer Science

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MSc, Nutrition of Global Public Health

University of California, Berkeley
PhD, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

University of Cambridge
LLM, International Law

University of Padua
MSc, Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Neuropsychology



63% were accepted to two or more programs

GLOBAL AWARDS

2025 Scholars



Alya Alhabtari
Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '25
MPP, University of Oxford
Oxford, United Kingdom

Major: Public Policy
Home Country: UAE



Firas Darwish
Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '25
PhD, University of Oxford
Oxford, United Kingdom

Major: Statistics and Machine Learning
Home Country: Jordan



Layan Alkasaji
Chevening Scholar '25
MSc, Imperial College
London, United Kingdom

Major: Biomedical Engineering
Home Country: Jordan



Siqiao Liang
Schwarzman Scholar '25
MA, Tsinghua University
Beijing, China

Major: Global Affairs
Home Country: China



Chuol Deng
Mastercard Scholar '25
MSc, University of California
Berkeley, United States

Major: Development Engineering
Home Country: Ethiopia



Katerina Fiavola
Yenching Scholar '25
MA, Peking University
Beijing, China

Major: China Studies
Home Country: Czech Republic



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